



COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

JB

SERIAL NO. 09/996,131

DOCKET NO. AUS920010638US1

DATE: February 28, 2006

2167
1FEN

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Sweitzer, et al.

For: System and Method for Developing Topography Based Management Systems

Enclosed are:

- Information Disclosure Statement;
- Modified form 1449 listing 6 references;
- copies of any non-U.S. Patent references listed on form 1449 (4 articles).

37 CFR § 1.97 is satisfied by the following:

- This IDS is being filed pursuant to CFR § 1.97(c) and:
 - no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0447. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
- Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR Sect. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Joseph T. Van Leeuwen
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 44,383
Telephone: (512) 301-6738
Facsimile: (512) 301-6742



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: § Group Art Unit: 2167
Sweitzer, et. al. §
Serial No.: 09/996,131 §
Filed: November 28, 2001 §
Title: System and Method for § Intellectual Property Law Dept.
Developing Topography Based § 11400 Burnet Road
Management Systems § Austin, Texas 78758

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

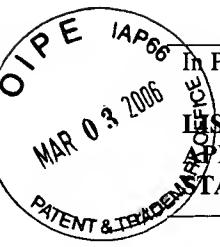
Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g) the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 (a) exists.

The attached form, PTO-1449, provides a listing of patents, publications, or other information as required by 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(1). A copy of each listed item that is not a U.S. Patent document, is supplied herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Joseph T. Van Leeuwen
Van Leeuwen & Van Leeuwen
Attorneys for Applicant
Registration No. 44,383
Telephone: (512) 301-6738
Facsimile: (512) 301-6742



In Place of FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)

**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

Serial No. **09/996,131**
Applicant: **Sweitzer, et. al.**
Filing Date: **11/28/2001**
Group: **2167**
Atty. Docket No. **AUS920010638US1**

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner <u>Initial</u>	Document <u>Number</u>	Date	Name	Classification <u>Class / Subclass</u>	Filing Date if <u>Appropriate</u>
_____	AA				
_____	AB				
_____	AC				
_____	AD				
_____	AE				
_____	AF				
_____	AG				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner <u>Initial</u>	Document <u>Number</u>	Date	Country	Classification	Translation <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
_____	AH	WO 02/039216	05-2002	PCT	Sandus et al.
_____	AI	WO 03/089954	10-2003	PCT	Gaal, Peter

Examiner
Initial **OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

_____	AJ	S. Gokhun Tanyer et al., "Topography based design of the T-DAB SFN for a mountainous area," IEEE transactions on broadcasting, vol. 43, no. 3, Sept. 1997, p. 309-319
_____	AK	Wolf-Fritz Riekert, "Cooperative management of data and services for environmental applications," 1995, p. 1-8.
_____	AL	R. Agarwal et al., "Estimating software projects," ACM SIGSOFT, vol. 26, issue 4, Jul. 2001, p.60-67.
_____	AM	Randall Jensen, "Software estimating model calibration," Software Engineering Inc. Best Practices, July 2001, p. 13-16.

Examiner: _____ Date Considered: _____

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.